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INLAND WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inland waterways in the country, particularly in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat where cargo facilities are available; and

(b) the names of the projects formulated for the participation of private sector in cargo carriage and the reaction of the private sector thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) India has approximately 14,500 kms of navigable inland waterways of which river Ganga (1620 Km), river Brahmaputra (891 km) and West Coast Canal (205 kms) have been declared as National Waterways. Cargo handling facilities are available on the National Waterways. Maharashtra and Gujarat have respectively 501 kms and 286 kms of navigable inland waterways but these have not been declared as National Waterway. Assistance has been provided to Maharashtra Government under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for providing requisite inland water transport infrastructure.

(b) The names of projects formulated for participation of private sector are enclosed as Annexure. Bids for first five projects shown in the Annexure were invited, but response was received only in respect of three projects. These are under evaluation. Bids were re-invited in respect of remaining two projects but there was no response. Bids were also invited for the 6 projects at S.No.6 to 11 of Annexure, in response to which, bids have been received in respect of two projects which are under examination. As regards, remaining 6 projects, bid documents have been prepared.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF PROJECTS FOR PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR

1. Building a Jetty/logistic part on river Hooghly at Haldia on JV basis in NW-1.

2. Building a floating jetty along with hopper facilities at Bandel on Hooghly river on JV basis in NW-1.

3. Building jetty at Shalimar on Hooghly river at Howrah side on JV Basis in NW-1.

4. Building flyash jetty at Budge Budge on JV basis in NW-1.

5. Building a flyash jetty at Kolaghat on JV basis in NW-I.

6. Acquisition and operation of barges of 1000 DWT to transport cargo form Kolkata to Mongla (Bangladesh) on JV basis in N.W. 1

7 Acquisition and operation of barges of 1000 DWT to transport cargo from Dhubri to Kolkata on JV basis in N.W. 2

8. Acquisition and operation of barges of 1000 DWT to transport cargo from Jogighopa to Kolkata on JV basis in N.W. 1

9. Acquisition and operation of barges of 1000 DWT to transport cargo from Pandu to Kolkata on JV basis in N.W. 1

10. Acquisition and operation of barges of 600 DWT to transport cargo from Dibrugarh to Kolkata on JV basis in N.W. 1

11. Acquisition and operation of tanker barge of 200 DWT to transport cargo from Cochin to surrounding areas on JV basis in N.W. 3

12. Development of the IWAI jetty at Haldia on Hooghly river on BOT basis in NW-1.

13. Building a barge jetty at Haldia Dock Complex on BOT basis.

14. Building of BISN jetty for handling salt and other cargo at Kolkata on BOT basis in NW-1.

15. Building a jetty at Maradu on BOT basis in NW-3.

16. Building a jetty at Kollam on BOT basis in NW-3.

17. Building a dedicated barge birth/jetty at Cochin on BOT basis in NW-3.